

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

JOSHUA M. NICKMAN,  
  
Plaintiff,

V.

JUAN M. ZARRAGA, official  
capacity, SHELBY L. RAWLINGS,  
official capacity, ANDREW L.  
MCLEAN, official capacity, COLTON  
J. GUERRERO, official capacity,  
MICHAEL TUBBS, official capacity,  
JESUS J. RAMIREZ, official capacity,  
JAIME LYN CRAFT, official  
capacity, JESSICA M. STROUP,  
official capacity, SCOTT B.  
ANDREALA, official capacity, ERIC  
JON LITTLE, official capacity,  
JONATHAN R. TRIPP, official  
capacity, AARON CRAY, official  
capacity, TODD BAHENSKY, official  
capacity, LACY, official capacity,  
HALL COUNTY CORRECTIONS,  
official capacity, and J. JONES,  
official capacity,

Defendants.

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**MEMORANDUM  
AND ORDER**

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Plaintiff has filed a motion (Filing No. [17](#)) seeking the appointment of counsel. The court cannot routinely appoint counsel in civil cases. In [Davis v. Scott, 94 F.3d 444, 447 \(8th Cir. 1996\)](#), the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals explained that “[i]ndigent civil litigants do not have a constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel.” Trial courts have “broad discretion to decide whether both the plaintiff and the court will benefit from the appointment of counsel, taking into account the factual

and legal complexity of the case, the presence or absence of conflicting testimony, and the plaintiff's ability to investigate the facts and present his claim." *Id.* Having considered these factors, the request for the appointment of counsel will be denied without prejudice to reassertion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that: Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel (Filing No. [17](#)) is denied without prejudice to reassertion at a later time.

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

*S/ Richard G. Kopf*  
Senior United States District Judge